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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: SOPN, PN
SUBJECT: LOCAL MEDIA ADVISED TO COOL IT

REF: PANAMA 1802

1. GOP INFORMATION COMMISSION HEAD AND TORRIJOS ADVISER ROMULO ESCOBAR HELD A 3-HOUR CONFERENCE AT 1400 FRIDAY, MARCH 17. ALTHOUGH BILLED AS A PRESS CONFERENCE, ALL NON-PANAMANIAN MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WERE EXCLUDED.

2. ACCORDING TO SOURCE WHO WAS PRESENT, ESCOBAR ANNOUNCED THAT OPENING OF SCHOOL WOULD BE POSTPONED THREE WEEKS, FROM MARCH 29 TO APRIL 17. (AFTERNOON "REPUBLICA" FOR THURSDAY AND FRIDAY BOTH CARRIED STORIES THAT PANAMA CITY PTA WAS PETITIONING MINISTRY OF EDUCATION FOR A POSTPONEMENT, AND THAT THIS PETITION WAS UNDER STUDY. PTA "REQUEST" APPEARS RATHER TRANSPARENT.)

3. ESCOBAR ALSO ADVISED LOCAL MEDIA TO GENERALLY KEEP
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COOL DURING COMING WEEKS, TO REFRAIN FROM CRITICISM OF DECONCINI OR OTHER RESERVATIONS (WHICH WOULD BE HARD ENOUGH FOR GOVERNMENT TO HANDLE WITHOUT BARRAGE OF MEDIA CRITICISM), AND GENERALLY NOT TO DO OR SAY ANYTHING WHICH COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT SITUATION IN WASHINGTON.

4. THERE HAS BEEN NO MEDIA REPORTAGE OF PRESS

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CONFERENCE AS OF 1730 LOCAL FRIDAY, BUT POSTPONEMENT
OF CLASSES AND GENERAL EFFECT OF NEW "LINE" SHOULD
REACH LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL MEDIA TONIGHT AND DURING
WEEKEND.
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